

The schooner Lief, of the Sunde & Erland fleet arrived at Seattle from the halibut fisheries of the North the other day. Schs. Lester and Reef, which have been fishing off Cape Flattery, accompanied her down the Sound.

The Lief is the first of the Behring Sea fishing fleet of 40 boats to return from the all-winter's fishing season, and Capt. Johnson reported that the total catch will be heavy. Early estimates of 800 tons for the fleet will be verified, he says, and this figure may be exceeded, placing the value at about half a million dollars.

The halibut market remains firm, despite the outlook for a big season's catch, and the business, it is declared, will be a highly remunerative one for the fishermen and vessel owners.

The remaining schooners of the Seattle fleet will come down one by one, and as soon as settlements are made they will start for the summer fishing banks off Cape Flattery.

The Northwestern Fisheries Co. has purchased the fish saltery at Kenai, Wash., from the San Juan Fish Co., and will, this season, install a canning plant at that point.

#### Pensacola Fish Notes.

The past week and the preceeding one have both been very dull as regards the fishing industry at Pensacola. Nearly all the smacks had very light catches.

Because of the bad weather, the fishermen have not been able to take any mackerel. They are all hoping for a higher temperature, which all believe will result in the coming of the much-desired fish.

Catches for the week were:

Warren Fish Co., smack Chicopi, 10,000 pounds red snappers; smack Halcyon 10,000 pounds red snappers; smack Silas Storms, 8000 pounds red snappers.

E. E. Saunders & Co., smack Lettie G. Howard, 22,000 pounds red snappers; smack Kwasind, 4000 pounds red snappers; smack Cavalier, 4000 pounds red snappers; smack Favorite, 9000 pounds red snappers.

Two seine boats had 3000 pounds of mackerel.

#### Lunenburg, N. S., Fishing News.

Schooner Yamaska sailed Friday for the banks.

Schooner Riviera, after fitting out at Adams & Knickle's, sailed Friday for the banks.

Schooner G. W. Silver arrived Thursday from LaHave and took on board her dories. She sailed Friday for the banks.

The handliner Aquadilla, which is fitting at the wharf of Zwicker & Co., Ltd., has probably the largest crew of any vessel fishing this spring on the banks. She carries 27 men, who will launch 24 dories.

#### Hammond Yacht Has New Rig.

John Hays Hammond, Jr.'s 38-rater Odysseus II. was put over at Stearns & McKay's yacht yard, Boston, April 23. George Owen has designed a new rig for this boat which is like the sail plan of the well-known Dorello. This does away with the double head rig and bowsprit of last year, and gives the yacht a longer mast and a short topmast. It also gives the yacht much more of the appearance of a racer. With the new sail plan it is hoped that her speed will be improved and that she will try conclusions with George Batchelder's Dorello this summer.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

Sunday arrivals:

Steamers Robert & Edwin, with 6000 lbs. fish; Carrie & Mildred, 3000.

Schs. Albert W. Black, with 10,000 lbs. fish; Eva and Mildred, 15,000; Hattie B.

Sloop Minerva, with 1000 lbs. fish.

#### Provincetown Vessels Fitting at This Port.

P. O. Whorff of Provincetown is at this port to superintend the fitting out of his four vessels, schs. Gladstone, Monitor, American and Lottie Byrnes, which are getting ready at this port for salt bank dory handline salt cod-fishing trips.

#### Caught Salmon on LaHave Bank.

Sch. Regina, which arrived at Boston yesterday, had a salmon, caught on LaHave banks by William Smith and Benson Meuse. The salmon weighed seven pounds. The day before they caught it one of the men hauled up a larger salmon, but not recognizing it as a salmon threw it overboard again.

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Sch. Tacoma Stocked \$2145 on Halibut Trip.

Sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson, stocked \$2145 on her recent fresh halibut trip the crew sharing \$45.90.

## GOOD MARKET AT T WHARF.

### Boats Receiving Fine Prices For Their Fish.

It is the finest kind of market at T wharf today and nine of the market boats, all with good catches, are right on deck to take advantage of the dandy prices the dealers are offering in their efforts to get fish to supply the demands of their trade.

Yesterday, after the morning report four shore boats and one off-shore craft came in and they too struck good prices.

This morning haddock are selling at \$3.75 and \$4, large cod \$5 to \$5.50, hake \$2 to \$4 and pollock \$2 to \$2.25.

There is quite a lot of hake and cusk in, so that the amount of haddock and cod in sight will not supply the demand. Sch. Gladys and Nellie has 38,000 pounds, the largest fare in, and schs. Mary C. Santos, Mary E. Sinnett, Sadie M. Nunan and Edith Silveira all have fine catches.

Twelve barrels of shad were received by boat yesterday morning from places on the Kennebec river. This was about all the market had to work with as shad have shortened up again in New York. Bluefish are also scarce, but the price quoted from New York yesterday morning was two cents lower than Saturday's price.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Regina, 7000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 3000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 2500 halibut.

Sch. Washakie.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 18,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 cusk.

Sch. A. C. Newhall 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Reliance, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1000 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 500 haddock, 7000 cod, 11,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 400 haddock, 700 cod, 19,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 19,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 8000 haddock, 9000 cod, 15,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Eva Avina, 3500 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2500 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$4; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25.

#### Southern Fisheries Notes.

The smack Good Hope of the Gulf Fisheries Company, arrived at Galveston on April 5, with 45,000 pounds of red snappers. Fishing here has been very good, catches including catfish, trout, whiting, sheepshead, pompano and jackfish. Reports from Port Arthur say that some fine catches of trout, redfish and sheepshead are being made at that place.

Mackerel have been plentiful in St. Andrews and at Pensacola. At the former point fishermen have received about one and one-half cents a pound, while the Pensacola price has varied from three to four cents. The fish have been arriving every day from Fast Pass until the fishermen hardly know what to do with them.

Smack receipts at Pensacola have been:

Warren Fish Company, Emma Jane, 12,000 snappers, and 5,000 groupers; Ariola, Capt. Baptiste Dornato, 43,000 snappers, and out only 12 days. This is the largest catch made this year. Last season Captain Bob Edmundson brought in 47,000 pounds at one catch in the Clara R. Harwood. The catch netted the Ariola \$1,400. Franklin, \$3,000 snappers, Isabel, 7,000 snappers and 3,000 groupers.

E. E. Saunders & Co.: Minnie W., 13,000 snappers; Clara M. Littlefield, 15,000 snappers, 5,000 groupers; Natilus, 4,000 snappers; Carrie B. Welles, 35,000 snappers; Louise, 4,000 snappers. The Holt Fish Company received some good catches of mackerel.

The Bay Fisheries Company had 2,500 pounds of mackerel in one catch.

The fishing smack Caldwell H. Colt, of the Warren Fish Co., is expected at Pensacola almost any day. The vessel was held by the Mexican government for the last six months charged with fishing in Mexican waters without a permit, when the facts in the case were that the smack had put into harbor for safety in order to make necessary repairs. The vessel is now on her way home in charge of Capt. McDonald.

#### First of French Beam Trawlers This Season.

The French steam trawler Beluga, the first of the fleet to cross the Atlantic this year to fish in North American waters, is now at work on the banks and will probably go to North Sydney for coal and supplies shortly. It is not known how many of these vessels will operate on this side of the water this season, as the number will probably be determined by the reports sent home from the early arrivals. Last year there were 29 French and one Portuguese trawlers engaged in the bank fishery, the number this year will probably not exceed 20. There is quite a fleet of trawlers at present operating on the coast of Iceland, some of which will come to this side of the Atlantic for the summer fishing.

#### Bound Home With Salt Herring.

Sch. James A. Garfield, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a fare of salt herring was at Shelburne, N. S., yesterday.

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#### TROUT WITH SOULS.

#### Navajos Think Fish Represent the Aztecs They Killed.

One of Colorado's fish hatcheries, is located at Durango, on the River of Lost Souls, or, as the Spaniard has it, "Rio de Las Animas Perdidas," which means the same thing. Animas valley is now the prosaic region of the big red apples and varicolored fishes, but Navajo-Indian tradition invests it with a romantic past.

The Navajos say that the cliff dwellers, who formerly inhabited the Animas and Mancos valleys were exterminated by their ancestors, who "came down from the north country," some time ago when Perin's peak was a muck hole in the primitive morass.

A feature of the conquest less rare in ancient times was the strange transmigration of the spirits of the conquered dead, for the soulful trout and the dreamy sucker became the tabernacles for the departing ghosts of the slain. Every time the unthinking tourist lands a speckled beauty he deprives the soul of an Aztec of his tabernacle.

To ameliorate this injustice the state is turning out speckled rain-bow-tinted, salmon-fleshed and steel-headed tabernacles for the transmigrated souls in annual batches of 2,000,000.

Anyway, the Navajos will not eat fish, because of the superstition, and as a "nibble" is the only edible thing a Navajo will not steal, the state is propagating trout.

A two-months-old trout is a hardy customer, full of guile and the ability to take care of himself, though devoid of moral sense, but it is hard to conceive of a more helpless youngster than the troutling, a few hours old.

Deserted by his mother, esteemed by his male parent chiefly as a delicate morsel, preyed upon by every aquatic marauder, the wonder is that one of him survives. Indeed, it is believed that an average of only six out of the little family of 2000 spawned by a healthy mother in the state of nature live to the age of discretion. The artificial method of trout propagation eliminates most of the natural enemies of the young fry.—New York Herald.

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#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Cavalier and Senator were in the straits of Canso Friday, bound to the Magdalen Islands for bait.

Sch. Susan and Mary was at Shelburne, N. S., Friday and cleared.

Sch. Conqueror was at Shelburne Friday last, and cleared.

Schs. Thomas S. Gorton, Senator, Lizzie M. Stanley and James W. Parker were at Hawkesbury, C. B., Friday last, bound to Magdalens for bait.

Capt. Patrick Murphy is fitting sch. Emily Cooney for mackerel seining.

Capt. Charles Flygore is fitting sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon for a fitted halibut trip.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson and another of Capt. T. M. Nicholson's fleet have sailed from Bucksport, Me., on dory handline codfishing trips.

#### Fresh Halibut Sales.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Monitor was sold yesterday to the New England Fish Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray. This morning the fare of sch. Proceptor was sold to the same concern at 9 cents per pound for white and 7 3/4 cents for gray.



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# ONE BANKER AND EASTERN SHACKER

## Only Arrivals at This Port Except the Pollock Seiners.

One fresh halibuter and an Eastern shacker, with a few of the pollock seining fleet, tells the whole story in the fish line here this morning. Quite a number of the mackerel seiners are now fitting out and will get away in a few days. Otherwise things are pretty quiet about the wharves.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, from Grand Bank, has a fine trip, 32,000 pounds of fresh halibut and a few thousand pounds of salt fish. As fish are a good price, he will make a nice stock.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, is in from the eastward with \$5,000 pounds of fresh fish and 4000 pounds of halibut. Part of the fare went to market and the rest to the splitters at George Perkins & Son.

The pollock seiners did not strike fish very heavy yesterday and five of them landed small fares at the Fort last evening, all the catch going to market.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Romance, shacking, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish, 4000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Preceptor, Grand Bank, 32,000 lbs. halibut, 1000 lbs. flitched halibut, 6000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 8500 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 1500 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Joppaite, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Mystery, shore, 3500 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.

Sch. Thalia, via Boston.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, via Boston.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.

Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, via Boston.

Sch. Mineola, shore.

Steamer Philomena, pollock seining.

Sch. William H. Rider, Georges drifting, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Shenandoah, south seining.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges handling.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, drifting.

Sch. Ramona, halibut flitching.

### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 7 3-4 cts. for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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## NETTERS TAKING SOME FISH.

Full Barrel Received at Boston from Hyannis.

The first full barrel of mackerel came to Boston yesterday morning from Hyannis to R. M. Kelley. The fish were bloaters, and averaged four pounds each. There were also a few mackerel among the fish received from other places on the Cape.

The Little Fred, a Newport, R. I., netter, landed 160 mackerel at Atlantic City, and the netters about Chincoteague sent \$959 mackerel in count to New York yesterday.

### Irish Mackerel Begin Fishery.

The New York Fishing Gazette correspondent in Ireland, writing under date of April 14, says:

"Spring and summer mackerel fishing has practically commenced on this coast, although very many boats will not be ready for another week. The catches at Kinsale, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week were from 100 down; price 10s to 15s per 120. At Cleggan, Roundstone and Arran Islands, on the west coast, no trial has been made, and as the weather has become rough it is probable no boat will fish for a few nights yet.

"A deputation of Irish fish curers will go to Washington to present arguments for the removal of the duty on mackerel. It would certainly be a boon to Irish fishermen, and should work no injustice to the Americans."

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## PORTLAND FISH NOTES.

### Crew of Sch. Rising Billow Had Hard Work Keeping Craft Afloat.

It is now unlawful to sell or to offer for sale any smelts in Maine, no matter how they may be caught. The law went into effect Sunday and will be in force for the rest of the summer.

The sch. Topsail Girl was taking on stores Monday preparatory to another fishing trip to LaHave bank.

One of the largest cod ever seen in Portland is now on the ice in the McDonald fish market. When put on the scales it was found to weigh 90 pounds.

Quite a little excitement was created in the harbor Monday afternoon when the fishing schooner Rising Billow came alongside the marine railway with her deck nearly even with the water, and the men working vigorously at the pumps in order to keep her afloat. She will be hauled out on the marine railway to repair, her stern bearing being in bad shape.

She is not a square rigger but she is just as much a reminder of the past as if she carried cross yards. No this is not the venerable Polly, but the pinky Maine which is now lying at Portland pier discharging a cargo of old iron for W. E. Carter. The Maine represents a type of vessel that was once familiar along the Maine coast. She is really a small two-masted schooner, but because of her high pointed stern, she is called a pinky. The odd looking craft is in command of Capt. Stuart and was built in 1845. She came here from Brooklyn, Me., and will return there when her cargo is discharged.

Fishing steamer Quoddy, which was brought here last week from Portsmouth, N. H., in a disabled condition, was taken to the Portland Company's wharf, Monday for repairs.

Monday's arrivals: Steamers Robert and Edwin, with 4000 lbs. fish; Carrie and Mildred, 3000; Fanny Reed, with 5000 lbs. fish; Albert D. Willard, 12,000; sloop Laconia, 3000.

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## Bait Still Scarce.

Scarcity of bait has impeded the market fishermen. They have had to wait for days at Provincetown before getting even a small part of what they wanted, and some of them have been obliged to take frozen bait in order to get away. The bait situation has not cleared up yet, and rather than take frozen bait or wait at Provincetown for the uncertain fresh herring, some of the captains have paid a high price for alewives for bait.

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## Missing Sealer Spoken.

The sealing steamer Aurora, with a crew of 187 men, which had been reported missing was sighted Sunday by the steamer Diana, which arrived at Herring Neck Monday. The Diana also sighted the steamer Range. Both vessels were homeward bound.

### Sch. Robert and Arthur Overhauled.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, Capt. Julius Anderson, which was hauled off two weeks ago for overhauling and repainting, sailed yesterday morning on her first summer fishing cruise. The vessel looked like a new yacht as she sailed down the harbor.

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# MACKEREL FLEET STILL LOOKING.

## Seiners Taking No Fish and Netters Doing Poorly.

The mackerel fares which it was hoped would come in the wake of the Sunday trip of sch. Mary E. Harty, have as yet failed to materialize. Evidently the weather has been bad or the fleet is not on the fish. The moon is right now for good long hours of "owling" and some results should soon be showing if there is to be anything at all to this spring's south seining season.

The netters are not doing much either. What trips have been landed have been small, although these crafts have started in a little bit earlier than last season. It seems to be the general opinion that the spell of bad weather which appears to be settled over this part of the country has also embraced the southern mackerel fishing grounds in its scope.

### New York Dealers Raise Prices.

New York dealers stopped their Boston agents from selling mackerel early Monday, and then raised the price, and again yesterday morning made a new price higher than the second price Monday. It is this uncertainty as to price that displeases the Boston dealers and makes them anxious to have mackerel taken near enough to be landed at Newport where Boston controls the market.

Boston got yesterday morning about 40 barrels of the mackerel landed at New York Monday morning, and would have taken more had not the price been raised. Yesterday morning New York advised that mackerel were short, and new advices were that 75 barrels of mackerel had come to New York from the netters at Chincoteague, Va.

### News from the Netters.

The netters at Edgartown got from 15 to 40 mackerel to a boat at that place Sunday.

The netter Mabel Bryson reported at Fulton market Monday with 3000 fresh mackerel, had 300 fish instead.

The netting sch. Crustacean is the sole mackerel arrival at New York today. The craft has 200 large fish in count.

The steamer Seven Brothers of the Atlantic trapping company fleet arrived at Newport yesterday afternoon after hauling nets off Coggeshall's ledge, landing 15 mackerel which averaged four pounds each.

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## FISHERMAN CAUGHT PORPOISE.

### Fish Attracted General Attention in Portland Fish Market.

A porpoise is on exhibition in the window of J. H. McDonald at the head of Commercial wharf, Portland. Porpoises do not very often find their way into northern stores, but they are frequent enough sights in the South. This particular fish was captured by William Miller of Small Point while out netting Sunday off Bald Head, near his home. He brought his fare to Portland and Mr. McDonald secured the odd fish of the sea. The porpoise is about five feet long and weighs 125 pounds. He is wonderfully smooth on his back and sides, has powerful fins and a broad tail. As many know, the submarine boats are modelled after the lines of a porpoise and as they are fish of great speed it can be seen why they were taken as the model for the under-water fighters.

Probably not one man in a hundred would know a porpoise if he saw one at least in this part of the country. Not long ago, one was displayed in Hamilton's fish market at Woodfords. Nobody who entered the place was able to name it and the proprietors themselves were not sure of the identity of the marine inhabitant. Finally a retired sea captain who had seen many porpoises in his time, entered the market. "Where did you get the porpoise?" was the first thing he said. "Well, I'm glad to find someone who knows what that fish is," replied the proprietor with a smile.

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## Spoken on Georges.

Capt. John G. Stream of sch. Juno reports speaking schs. Dictator, Fish Hawk and W. H. Moody on Georges banks.